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and then raise \$300,000 each year for five years. This move also calls for 35,000 students, with 3,500 preparing for the ministry.

STANDARDIZING

Our program calls for 21 standard colleges by the end of five years, with minimum endowment of \$300,000 in each. Some will have over \$1,500,000 endowment. The new money and equipment will enable several colleges to come up to standard grade.

The Seventh-Day Baptist Education Society

W. C. WHITFORD, President,

The Seventh-day Baptist Education Society was organized September 8, 1855, and chartered the next year as a New York corporation. The motives that brought this society into being may be inferred from Article 2 of its original constitution:

“The object of this society shall be the promotion of education in such manner as shall tend to the ultimate founding and full endowment of a denominational college and theological seminary.”

While this Society holds some endowment funds for educational institutions its policy has usually been to recommend that givers make their contributions direct to the schools to be helped.

During the early years of this Society a number of academies were helped which have served their day and generation and been superseded. At present three colleges—located at Alfred, N. Y., Milton, Wis., and Salem, W. Va.—make annual reports to this Society although they are not under the control of the Society nor of the Denomination which this Society represents. These colleges are Christian institutions admitting students of all faiths upon an equal footing.

The Seventh-day Baptist Education Society has under its especial care Alfred Theological Seminary, a liberal institution for the training of young people for the Gospel ministry.

This Society has not given its chief effort to the raising of money, but has endeavored in various ways to stimulate an increasing interest in the cause of education in general, and especially in the education of young men and women, not for the making of money but for leadership. The schools under its care have ever been training young people who have in view the work of the pastorate or the missionary field.

A place is given to this society on the program of the annual session of the Seventh-day Baptist General Conference. This opportunity is taken to stir up enthusiasm for education and to encourage young people to secure all possible training for lives of service to humanity.

Educational Board of the American Christian Convention

WILLIAM G. SARGENT, *Secretary*

The educational work of the American Christian Convention of the Christian Church, is under the direction of a Board of five members, representing, geographically, the south, west, east and central states. The Board meets annually, usually at denominational headquarters, Dayton, Ohio, or at one of the college centers, continuing its work during the year by correspondence from the office of the Educational Secretary.

It functions under five departments: Organization, Publicity, Life Enlistment for Christian Service, Standards and Finance.

In the matter of organization efforts are constantly made to secure adequate representation of our educational interests in all conferences of the body, with a view to keeping our needs and expanding opportunities before the entire constituency.

The Board considers the publication of educational literature, for the most part in the form of leaflets and posters, of increasing value and has been devoting considerable attention to this phase of its work during the past quadrennium. Not a little of such literature is of temporary value, designed to meet immediate needs and must of necessity be changed and amplified as new conditions require.

In the recruiting of young men and women for Christian service the Board has been forced by the exigencies of the time, as well as by the need of intelligent forelook, to seek to enlist not only our schools and colleges but, through pastors and church officials, arouse the local church to a consuming desire to meet the situation by personal appeal to their young people.

There is a constant effort to elevate the standards of ordination to the ministry, though the democratic organization of the church and the pressure for immediate relief to meet the increasing need of candidates for the office constantly tend to defeat